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**COMMUNICATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE FILING OF AN REQUEST  
FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION APPLICATION (RCE)**

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in connection with the Request for Continued Examination Application concurrently filed today that also replies to the Final Office Action issued September 22, 2004, by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to this Action is due December 22, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

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